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Peony Seed for Sale

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N account of the very early season, Peony seed will be ripe and ready for planting three or four weeks earlier than usual.

I have found that Peony seed, if taken from the plant while they are still moist and sticky from the lining of the pod, are immediately planted in ground which is moist, and which on account of partial shade can retain its moisture, they will develop roots the same season and will grow a nice little plant the following spring, and in some cases, will bloom the second spring following their appearance above ground. I have found that the soil under a large tomato plant, which is allowed to lie flat on the ground, is an ideal place to plant these moist seeds, as the thick foliage of the plant furnishes just enough shade to keep the soil moist enough to germinate the seed.

I will again offer Peony seed from my father's garden for sale this year. I will offer them in dollar packages only, as that amount will justify me in getting up very early each morning and gathering the seed from the newly opened pods before the sun can dry the surface of the seed. It will also justify me in spending time to pack the seeds in moist cotton or moss so that they will reach you before the shells on the seeds are hardened.

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| 5 seed from Peony Laura Dessert..... | \$1.00 |
| 10 seed from Peony Primevere..... | 1.00 |
| 20 seed from Peony Le Jour..... | 1.00 |
| 30 seed from Japanese Peonies..... | 1.00 |
| 30 seed from double Peonies..... | 1.00 |
| 30 seed from single Japanese and double Peonies (mixed)..... | 1.00 |

I suggest that you plant the seed immediately upon opening the package, for I believe that even an hour's exposure to dry air might keep the seed from germinating for another year.

Seed on Russii Major is ripe now so other varieties will be ready in from one to four weeks.

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